[*Translation*]

Drinking Water Schemes of Bihar

4402. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes launched during the last three years in the Godda, Dumka, Deudhar, Bhagalpur and Munger districts of Bihar in order to make available drinking water to the rural people;

(b) the amount spent on the schemes and the number of the villages benefited therefrom;

(c) whether the funds are being sanctioned to the farmers of lower and backward categories of these areas to sink wells under the 'Jaldhara' scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

New Sugar Factories

4403. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment of the capacity of sugar industry to be created in the country by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed number of licences to be issued for setting up new sugar factories during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The targets of licensed and installed capacity by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1996-97) have been fixed at 155.66 lakh tonnes and 198.67 lakh tonnes respectively. It is proposed to issue additional licences to reach the target of 198.67 lakh tonnes by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

Scheme from Maharashtra to Issue Public Bonds

4404. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a scheme to the Union Government for realising Rs. 750 crores during the Eighth Five Year Plan and Rs. 1500 crores during the Ninth Plan by issuing public bonds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PORGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been stated in the proposal that Maharashtra has ultimate target of about 70.61 lakh hectares to be brought under irrigation. About 50% of this irrigation potential, estimated in 1962, has been achieved with an investment of about Rs. 4260 crores by the end of the Seventh Plan. Of the